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Every little bit of information helps in searching for ancestors and their descendants. If you are a friend or relative please write; Mrs. Boyd M. Naron, Rt. 3 Box C-10, Monticello, Arkansas, 71655. PLEASE HELP ME GET OUR FAMILY TREE TOGETHER. I have written a little family history that is subject to change when I find some one that can correct it.

Our family is the decendents of Monroe Anderson Griffin (called Dick). According to the Arkansas census records in 1900, Dick Griffin did mot know how old he was nor what year or month he was born. He listed Mississippi as his birth place but did not know where his parents were born. *He was living in Saline Township, Drew County, at that time.*

I think he was born about 1848 in South Carolina. Dick was 12 years when his job was to hold the horses during the Civil War.

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Dick Griffin first married Mernervia Denton (no-date). I think they were married in Denton Town, Mississippi and came to arkansas about 1890. Migrating with them was Joseph and Pricillia Denton who I believe to be Mernervia's brother and mother.

Arkansas census records in 1900 list Joe Denton, 44 years, born in Mississippi, living in Collins Township, Drew County. Living with him is his mother, Pricillia Denton, 80 years old, born in South Carolina, (Her parents were both born in England) and Ella Griffin, 27 years old, who was born in Mississippi, and is listed as his neice. There is also living with him Bessie Griffin, 5 years old, listed as a neice and Floyd Griffin, 2 years old, listed as a nephew. Both of these children were born in Arkansas, and I think are Ella's Children.

Dick and Mernervia (Denton) Griffin had nine children. They are:

1. Ella Griffin Born about 1872 1st. married _____ Moore.
2nd. married _____. Her children that I know of is a daughter named Bessie _____, and a son named Calvin Russell. (I think this is the same Ella Griffin that was listed in the 1900 Arkansas, census living with Joe Denton.)
2. James (called Jim) Monroe Griffin was born 7 June 1873. He married Mary Mattie Lucretia Emmaline Burchfield 7 Jan. 1897. Both Jim and Mattie were killed in a car accident in Eldorado, Ark. 16 March 1944 and are buried at Old Troy Cemetery. Jim and Mattie Burchfield Griffin had eleven children. They are: Blanch married Garfield Funderburg, Leslie Lee married Gyulia Elizabeth Bailey, Charles Sampson married Beatrice Howell, John Sykes 1st. married Bessie Hartwick 2nd married Josephine Sawyer, Hazel Missouri married William Bryan Jennings Cox, Linnie Pearl 1st. married Claude A. Naron 2nd married Charley Pink Naron, Robert A. 1st married Maggie Lily 2nd married Alpha Mae _____, Elizabeth (called Lizzie) Estell married Willian (called Bill) Dean, Lucretia (called Ludie) married Lyman Strong Cox, Mack Richard 1st married Rachel Creed 2nd married Mable Trimmel, and James Monroe who died an infant.
3. Mary Griffin 1st. married _____ 2nd. married Carol Dean. Mary's children are; Wesley Burchfield, Delbert Creek, Claude Burns, and I think her daughter's name is Hester _____.

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4. Fonza D. Griffin 1st. married Sally Cameron 2nd. married Mary _____.
5. Dock Griffin 1st. married Annie Bowman 2nd. married Lizzie Britt.
BOTH MARRIAGES RECORDED IN DREW COUNTY
6. Joe Griffin married Mary Moore.
7. Jesse J. Griffin 1st. married Addie Turnage 2nd. married Anna Lemley.
8. Annie Griffin 1st married W. C. McBride 2nd. married Ed Dean.
I found a Thomas Wheeler McBride who was born 17 May 1933 in Lake Village, Arkansas. The obituary said he drowned in 1946. His father's name was Claude McBride. It listed his brothers; Billy, Armond, Claude, Clyde, and Raymond McBride. I believe this is the family of Annie Griffin McBride.
9. Bulah Griffin 1st. married _____ White 2nd. married _____ Lendsey.
Bulah Griffin White had a daughter named Willie White. Bulah Griffin White is buried in the Old Troy Cemetery. There are no dates on her monument but I believe she was born in June of 1897.

Dick Griffins Second marriage was to Cora O'neal. They did not have any children. When she and Dick married, she was listed as Mrs. Clano Oneal. If this is not an error in the spelling of Cora it may be her first husband's name.

Cora may have been a Butler before she married the Oneal. She had four Oneal children when she and Dick Married. Twin girls named Alene and Ilene and another girl named _____. Alene Oneal married a _____ Dowdy. I found a William Oneal that married Mrs. Annie Cain 20 Nov. 1911. I believe this to be Cora'a son.

After Dick died in 1932, Cora _____ Oneal Griffin married _____ Hayes. She is buried in the Old Troy Cemetery. Her monument reads ; Cora Griffin Hayes Born 1877, Died 1956. (At least I believe this to be Grandma Cora.)

If you have any family information PLEASE SHARE IT WITH ME. Names, dates, and where they were born will be most greatfully appreciated.

Thank you Sincerely

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P.S.

I will be glad to share the little information I have with anyone interested.